

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize an outstanding group of young athletes who have enjoyed considerable success through steadfast commitment to the highest standards of excellence; and

Whereas, the members of the Ash Grove R-IV High School Boys Basketball Team in Ash Grove, Missouri, recently distinguished themselves by taking Second Place at the Missouri State High School Activities Association (MSHSAA) Class 3 State Championship held March 22, 2003; and

Whereas, the talented Ash Grove Pirates played an exciting, hard-fought game against the team from Cardinal Ritter College Preparatory High School in St. Louis in their first-ever State Championship appearance; and

Whereas, the Ash Grove Pirates finished the 2002-2003 season with an impressive record of 28 wins and 5 losses and received the prestigious Sportsmanship Award during the Championship Tournament; and

Whereas, the Ash Grove Pirates could not have attained such phenomenal success this season without the unparalleled leadership provided by Head Coach Rick Creed and Assistant Coaches Chris Thompson and Hal Harvey, all of whom have continually instilled within each of their talented players the desire to realize his full potential; and

Whereas, few competitors possess the athletic prowess displayed by Ash Grove Pirates Brandon White, Nick Codutti, Cory Adamson, Jeremy Nicholson, Landon Small, Jerod Floyd, Jared Langley, Shane Nicholson, Dustin Lewis, Charles Backley, Seth Carter, James Williams, Berrah Brown, Cody McCurry, and Andrew Jones; and

Whereas, fellow students, faculty, and staff of Ash Grove High School, parents, and the entire community of Ash Grove are exceedingly proud of the Pirates for their impressive display of teamwork and unwavering unanimity while successfully aspiring towards incredible goals:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations to the members of the 2002-2003 Ash Grove High School Basketball Team for taking Second Place at the MSHSAA Class 3 State Basketball Championship, and in wishing them only the very best of success in all their future competitions; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Ash Grove R-IV High School in Ash Grove, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative James Viebrock
District No. 134

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1297, adopted April 2, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker